(b) Due to scientific investigation and better police follow up during trial of cases, about 55% conviction rate has been achieved. The detection rate has been 67%.

Entry routes of terrorists in India

†1709. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist are coming to India from Pakistan through safe routes as well as by Samjhota Express and buses in the wake of heavy snowfall;

(b) the system for identifying the visitors not going back to Pakistan even after the expiry of period of their visa and for their repatriation; and

(c) the procedure being adopted to get certain information in respect of visitors coming to India before permitting visa to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No inputs have been received regarding infiltration of terrorists into the country through Samjhota Express or the Delhi—Lahore bus service in the recent past.

(b) Power has been delegated to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport foreign nationals, including Pak nationals, staying in India illegally. Administrative instructions are issued to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations from time to time to launch specific drives to detect and deport foreigners staying illegally in the country.

(c) A system of 100% pre-verification of the antecedents of visa applicants from Pakistan and their Indian sponsors has been introduced since January 2002. Copies of the visa applications are sent to the State Governments where the Pak national intends to visit. On receipt of verification report from the State Government, the Indian Mission is advised to grant/refuse visa to the applicant. However, some specified categories of Pak nationals have been exempted from pre-verification.

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